Programme at Patratu, Barauni and Karbhigaiya, reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses, effective load management and energy conservation etc. Assistance is also made available to Bihar from the neighbouring systems of Eastern Region and Northern Region whenever system conditions are conducive to such transfer.

MR CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Expansion of Temple Bay Hotel at Mahabilipuram

*186. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether I.T.D.C. has submitted any proposal to Government for the expansion of the Temple Bay Hotel at Mahabalipuram; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) ITDC's Annual Plan 1992-93 does not include any provision for expansion of the Temple Bay Ashok Beach Resort at Mahabilipuram.

Procurement of Natural Rubber from Kerala Market

*187. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to discontinue the procurement of natural rubber from Kerala Market and;

(b) what steps are being contemplated by Government to relieve the difficulties of the rubber growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to discontinue procurement of RMA-4 and RMA-5 grades by the State Trading Corporation till such time as the market price reaches the desired level as envisaged under the Buffer Stocking Scheme.

The Buffer Stocking Scheme for natural rubber is already under operation for relieving the difficulties of the rubber growers.

Development of Chitrakoot as a Tourist Resort

*188. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 32 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th February, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ChitrRkoot has potential to be developed as an Inter-State tourist resort; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance to the State Governments on specific projects/schemes based on their merit, availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities.

However, in order to further exploit the tourism potential of Chitrakoot, the Central Department of Tourism have informed the State Government of Uttar Pradesh that they would consider extending financial assistance for construction of a Yatri Niwas, provided project proposal alongwith detaded estimates are sent by the State Government.

Fixing of a Limit on Borrowings

*189. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal under consideration of Government to fix a ceiling on external and internal borrowings;